മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: വേനൽക്കാലത്തു്. മലം വെള്ളത്തിൽ കലക്കിയൊഴിക്കുമ്പോൾ വായുവിൽ കലർന്ന കുറച്ചൊക്കെ ഒഴുക്കുണ്ടാകുമ്പോൾ അടുത്തുള്ളവക്കു് ഉണ്ടാകാതിരിക്കുകയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് അതു അവിടെ നിന്നു മാറ്റിയാൽകൊള്ളാമെന്നു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. മുനിസിപ്പൽ ചെയർമാനുമായിട്ടു് ആലോചിച്ചതിൽ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനെക്കൊണ്ടും, മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയെക്കൊണ്ടും ഇതിനൊരു നിവാരണമുണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ ഇതേവരെ സാധിച്ചില്ലെന്നു മനസ്സിലായി. എങ്കിലും കഴിയുന്നവേഗത്തിൽ ഒരു നിവാരണം കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഇതിലേക്കു ഒരു സൈറ്റ് കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുവാൻ ഒരു ചെറിയ കമ്മിറ്റിയെ വെച്ചാൽകൊള്ളാമെന്നു് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. അതിൽ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ മെമ്പർ കൂടി ഒരു അംഗമായിരുന്നാൽ കൊള്ളാമെന്നു് ഞാനാഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: എനിക്കു ആ കമ്മിറ്റിയിൽ അംഗമായിരിക്കണമെന്നു മോഹമില്ല. ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദയവു് ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേകം ഉണ്ടായില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഇതിനു നിവാരണം കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുവാൻ സാദ്ധ്യമല്ലെന്നുള്ള ബോദ്ധ്യം എനിക്കുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർ ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതു് തെറ്റിദ്ധരിച്ചു എന്നാണു തോന്നുന്നതു്. അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു് ആ കമ്മിറ്റിയിൽ ഒരു മെമ്പറായിരിക്കണമെന്നു മോഹമുണ്ടെന്നല്ല ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതു്. ഒരു നിവാരണമുണ്ടാക്കുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹവും കൂടി ഉൾപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നാൽ നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നു മാത്രമാണു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ബി. സേലം: സെൻട്രൽ ഫാറം മിനിസ്റ്റർ പോയി നോക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: നോക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ബി. സേലം: അതു സൂട്ടബിളം ആണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: സെൻട്രൽ ഫാറത്തിൽ ഒഴിവാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ള സ്ഥലം വളരെ കാടാണു്. അതിനുള്ളിൽ അതുവാമൊ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നുള്ള കാര്യം ടെക്നിക്കൽ എക്സ്പർട്ടിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം അറിഞ്ഞു ചെയ്യേണ്ടതായിട്ടാണിരിക്കുന്നതു്. അവിടെ വിരോധമില്ലെന്നാണു് നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നതെങ്കിൽ ഡെയറിഫാറംകൊണ്ടുമാത്രം തടസ്സം ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: ഫാറത്തിൽ നിന്നു എത്ര പാൽ ഒരു ദിവസം കിട്ടുന്നുണ്ടു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: നോക്കീട്ടില്ല. ഇതു് അവിടേക്കു മാറ്റിയാൽ ഡെയറി ഫാറത്തെ ബാധിക്കുമെന്നായിരുന്നു കൃഷിഡയറക്ടരുടെ അഭിപ്രായം. അതു് ഇന്നുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ള കംപ്ലെയ്ന്റല്ല. മുമ്പൊരവസരത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞതാണു്.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Can't you possibly think of a van just as the one used for carrying water and taking the whole thing beyond Pattikad?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister or Rural Development)*: That has to be investigated.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: At Vadakkumpara there are so many sites available and nobody lives there.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: That is a costly affair.

മി. വി. എൻ ദാമോദരൻ നമ്പ്യാർ: ലാലൂർ ടെഞ്ചിംഗ് ഗ്രൗണ്ടിനെപ്പറ്റി പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെതന്നെ തൃപ്പൂണിത്തുറയിലും എറണാകുളത്തു കലൂരും ഉള്ളതിനെപ്പറ്റിയും കഴിയുന്നതും വേഗത്തിൽ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ആലോചിച്ചാൽ കൊള്ളാം. എറണാകുളം ടൌണിനു് തൊട്ടുകിടക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലമാണു് കലൂർ.

Deputy President: For the information of this House and also of the committee that is going to be appointed I may say that there is a suitable ground near the Farm between two hills. I have seen the place. There is sufficient waste land there far away from the municipal area and outside the Central Farm. That may be a suitable place.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: There is also another site by the side of the road going south near Mullankara to the other side of Mr. Norman's Estate.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: If this is shifted then the present trenching ground at Lalur can be made available to agriculturists especially for tapioca cultivation.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The hon'ble member can place all these suggestions before the committee.

FOOD PRODUCTION OFFICER—APPOINTMENT OF

299. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a Food Production Officer has been appointed,

(*b*) what is the period for which he is appointed;

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(*c*) what is the pay;

(*d*) what is the work that he is authorised to do?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Four months.

(*c*) Rs. 800 per mensem.

(*d*) The food Production Commissioner will be in full charge of operation under the Food Production Scheme and will have plenary powers of leasing lands in consultation with the Minister or the Diwan Peishkar or the Conservator of Forests in necessary cases. The hon'ble member's attention is invited to G. P. P6-16296/17, dated 20th March 1942, published in the Gazette, dated 21st March 1942.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know what is the acreage so far leased out by Government under this scheme?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* About 500 acres.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is it already leased?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* And yet put into possession.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They are almost about to start cultivation there.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* All these details are not available now. In fact, the Hon'ble member knows that the actual leasing out of lands began only last week.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether the work of the Food Production Commissioner would be over within these 4 months?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* As at present arranged, it would be over by 4 months.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether after this scheme was published many people have resorted to encroaching upon Government *porambokes*?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There may be a few cases.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Has the Hon'ble Minister any control over the Food Production Officer?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Has the Hon'ble Mnister made any effort to secure control over the Food Production Commissioner?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. To be plain with you, at the conference in the Diwan's House I placed the matter before the Diwan that I would be able to take up, that work also. But since that subject comes under revenue department and as revenue is not a transferred subject, it was not transferred to the Minister, because this work consists of simply assignment of lands which comes under revenue proper.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* We find that the Food Production Commissioner will have plenary powers of leasing lands in consultation with the Minister or the Diwan Peishkar or the Conservator of Forests in necessary cases. At least that is the answer given. Who is to judge whether consultation with the Minister is necessary or not?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I shall explain. The village *porambokes* come under Panchayats. If village *porambokes* are to be assigned, the consent of the Panchayat is necessary and in such cases the consent of the Minister is necessary, he being the administrative head. That is all. But in practice, I can assure this House that the Food Production Commissioner is almost, if not exclusively, working as if he is under the orders of the Minister.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Has the Hon'ble Minister made every effort to secure control over the Food Production Officer.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I told you plainly, because revenue is not a transferred subject I could not get complete control over it. I am still fighting for more powers.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Are you?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am, and I will always?

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Are we to take it that the Hon'ble Minister will be fighting to get as much control over the Food Production Officer as possible.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have already got it. The Food Production Commissioner is carrying out the *in toto* recommendations of the local village committees appointed by the Minister. Is it not an achievement?

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Not much.

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Of course, there may be a difference of opinion. I think it is an achievement. The recommendations of the village committees is accepted *in toto* by the Food Production Commissioner.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether the words used "in consultation with the Minister" should not be changed into "with the consent of the Minister"? In the matter of consultation he may or may not do it. Suppose he leases out lands without consulting the Minister that will be valid. But if it is, on the other hand, with the consent of the Minister in such cases the Minister has got complete control. Suppose in a freakish manner the Food Production Commissioner leases out *poramboke* lands, then who can check him? So, in view of the statement that has been made by the Minister, may I suggest an amendment to the wording of the answer that is to substitute words, "with the consent of the Minister, in cases where it falls within his department", for the words "in consultation with".

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In practical working, there is absolutely no difficulty.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Planters):* Suppose he does not consult the Minister?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He will not do it.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is it correct to say that the Minister is advising the Food Production Commissioner?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, he advises.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is not the Food Production Commissioner in full charge of the operation of the scheme and whether the consultation with the Hon'ble Minister or Diwan Peishkar or the Conservator of Forests is limited only in the matter of leasing lands? Is it not the position of the Government that the scheme is to be given effect to by the Food Production Officer who has got complete control over it and it is only in order to implement it that he should consult the Diwan Peishkar, the Minister or the Conservator? Now, the Government should explain whether the position taken up by the Minister that the Food Production Commissioner is practically under his control is correct. I request Government to clarify this point.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Hon'ble Minister did not say that he has got complete control over the Food Production Commissioner. What he said was in all cases where the committees that made recommendations the Food Production Commissioner accepted them *intoto*. There has not been any case of conflict so far. Then where is the trouble?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is not the Food Production Officer under the control of Government?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is not the Minister part of Government? Then how can you say that the Commissioner will have plenary powers of leasing lands in consultation with the Minister?

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* It is a controversial term. "Plenary" means full.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How can the Minister have only, consultative powers when the other man has got the plenary powers?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Minister is the chief advisor in all these matters.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The Minister is Government itself in the transferred half. Therefore, when these things come through the Minister he is not to consult the Minister and pass orders, but he is to take orders from the Minister and he cannot have plenary powers of leasing out lands. Suppose he consults the Minister and the Minister is of one view and he is of the other view. Then there would be difficulty. The question is you have classified the Minister as an officer of Government. We say that is wrong.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* On a point of order, can a discussion be carried on during question time?

Deputy President: The Chair cannot allow discussion on the rights of the Minister.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether the Diwan gives advice to the Food Production Commissioner?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, always, and the Minister also gives him advice.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* If that advice conflicts? *(Laughter).*

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It should not conflict.

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